



Cook County Recorder of Deeds
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Recorder Yarbrough and Prominent Area Veterans
Cut Ribbon on New CCRD Veterans Service Office on Flag Day

(CHICAGO) To better serve military veterans who visit the Cook County Recorder of Deeds to record or retrieve their discharge records, Recorder Karen A. Yarbrough dedicated the new Cook County Recorder of Deeds Veterans Service Office on June 14, 2013. This event was attended by elected officials and various veterans groups.

"Recording a DD-214 military discharge with a County Recorder means that a family member will always know where to quickly retrieve a copy to access benefits, especially if the veteran is incapacitated," Yarbrough said. "Our new Veterans Service Office will be a place for veterans and their families to sit down and relax while our staff handles the details of their visit, and I can't think of a better way to thank our veterans than by helping them."

If a veteran would like to record their DD-214 or would like to get a copy of one previously recorded (1996 or sooner), just stop by CCRD's Downtown Chicago office. If a veteran or their designee would like to get a copy of an older DD-214, we ask that they call ahead first so that we can have it waiting when you arrive. Some older DD-214s, especially from World War II era, require a hand-search through ledger books and can take some time. Veterans may record a DD-214 at any CCRD Satellite Office, but may only receive a certified copy at the Downtown Office at this time.

Federal and state law protects the privacy of veterans when it comes to DD-214s, and CCRD has implemented a strict procedure to ensure security. For new DD-214 recordings, personal information such as Social Security Numbers is digitally redacted. All DD-214s are protected from public view, and are only available to the person named in the document, the named person's dependents, the county veterans' service officer, representatives of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, or any person with written authorization from the named person or the named person's dependents.

For more information on the Veterans Service Office, please contact us at 312-603-5788 or at www.cookrecorder.com

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